

Despite another difficult week for weather, most transects have submitted records. Week 3 should be much better!

**Results**

Week 1 (updated): (Total reported to date - 235). Week 2 to date: (Total reported to date - 223)

| Weeks          |       | Weeks           |       | Weeks           |       |
|----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| 1              | 2     | 1               | 2     | 1               | 2     |
| Acres Down     | 6 0   | Hasley          | 8 0   | Normandy Marsh  | 0 1   |
| Badminton      | 3 7   | Hawkhill        | 9 7   | Perrywood Ivy   | 10 5  |
| Barton Common  | 6 4   | Hightown        | 2 3   | Pignal          | 4 1   |
| Beaulieu Heath | 5 5   | Holmsley        | 2 6   | Pondhead        | 12 19 |
| Blackwater     | R 3   | Ibsley          | 0     | Pondhead Wood   | R 6   |
| Breamore       | 31 21 | Janesmoor       | 4 2   | Rockford        | 0     |
| Broadley       | R 8   | Janesmoor Plain | 2 2   | Roe North       | *     |
| Dibden Bottom  | 0 0   | Keeping Marsh   | 1 7   | Roe South       | 18 18 |
| Fields Heath   | 7 10  | Kings Copse     | 3 7   | Standing Hat    | 12 10 |
| Frohawk        | 3 8   | Lepe            | 0 3   | Studland Common | 2 7   |
| Godshill       | 37 27 | Little Linford  | 6 4   | Vales Moor      | 1 0   |
| Great Linford  | 24 5  | Mockbeggar      | 16 17 | Warren Farm     | 1     |

\* transect has been walked - results awaited. R: result ruled invalid due to weather conditions

At the end of last season all group members were sent a survey and we were very grateful for the high number and quality of responses. One of the items was the submission of images taken on transects and most of those who weren't Flickr users said that they would be willing to try. Everybody who emailed images to Bob last year has been sent an invitation to join the group. So far not many have done so. Please give this some thought as it saves Bob many hours of



A Brimstone helping at Blackwater. © Eric Read

work downloading, renaming and then uploading images to Flickr so that he can manage them for use in newsletters and other publications. We appreciate that not everybody will be able to do this, but the more of you who can do it the better.

It also helps if both photos and results files are named using the protocols and abbreviations set out on the attachment circulated with this newsletter. A unified approach makes it much simpler to file and recover the records as and when needed.



Peacock at Perrywood Ivy © Sue Randall

**A Date for your Diary:** Bob and Jean will be representing Butterfly Conservation at the Pondhead Open Day on Sunday 29 April from 10.00am to 5.00pm. There will be a couple of butterfly walks. Please park at Bolton's Bench (top end) and Parc Pale car parks (Beaulieu Road, Lyndhurst). See <http://www.pondheadconservation.org.uk/> for more information.

**Moth to spot:** One early day flying moth that literature suggests should be relatively widespread on New Forest heaths, is the Emperor Moth (<http://www.ukmoths.org.uk/species/saturnia-pavonia/>). This is one of the largest day flying moths, with a wingspan similar to that of a Silver-washed Fritillary, and four distinctive eyespots. Not yet recorded by our Group, please look out for it in coming weeks, particularly if you're on a heathland route.



Small White at Mockbeggar © John Levell